

WE WILL OFFER

During January an unusually fine line of Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches!

ALSO SPECIAL PRICES IN SILVER WATCHES

We would call your attention to the grade of Goods we keep and the thoroughly RELIABLE MANNER in which we do business. You cannot buy a Watch of us that is "Too Cheap" for good business.

OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,

Leading Jewelers.

Decatur, Jan. 3, 1884 -d&wlf

BREWER, the BAKER

Having had a splendid trade for the last year, nearly doubling his sales of the year before, and having two nice ovens and work shops, with five bakers, has greater facilities than ever before for doing good work. The foreman of our Bread Department is master of his trade; our Cake Department is presided over by an artist in his line of work; they are both at the head of their profession. Fine Wedding Cakes and Ornamenting a specialty. All orders promptly filled.

BREWER, the BAKER,

211 North Main-St., Decatur, Ill.

Jan. 17, 1884 -d&wlf

CHAMPION MONITOR. GARLAND.

We Greet our Patrons by Wishing Them All

A Happy New Year!

And in this connection desire to return our thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during 1883. During the first year in our new location our business has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations, and now with a largely increased stock of Hardware, Mantels, Grates, &c., and the largest and best stock of STOVES in the county, it shall be our aim, through fair dealing and courteous treatment, to merit an increased patronage during 1884.

Ferguson & Dillehunt,

125 North Water St.

ROUND OAK. JEWELL.

1884 1884

Special Offerings for This and Next Week, AND THEN COMES

Our Grand Cheap Sale of Embroideries

40 LADIES' CLOAKS in Dolmans, CIRCULARS, ROMAN CIRCULARS, SURTOUTS, NEWMARKETS, &c. We propose to make prices that will close them all out. Cost or value makes no difference, the garments will be sold.

WONDERFUL BARGAINS IN BLANKETS, FLANNELS and HOSIERY. Inspection solicited.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

Jan. 3 -d&wlf 143 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

TERMS.
For work, payable to Carriers, \$10 Cl.
One year, in advance, \$3.00
Six Months, " " " 1.50
Three Months, " " " .75

THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 17, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Under further notice our price on 1817 Rogers Bros. knives is \$2.50 a dozen, or \$1.25 a set. E. D. BAUMGARTNER & CO. Knives sell slowly at 25 cents a dozen. Apples sell at \$1.00 to \$1.25 a bushel. Prize shooting gallery, opposite post office. 28th

The Decatur draymen's masquerade ball will be given January 24th. HANDSOMELY are scarce at the stores since counting got to be all the rage. Tick new boot and shoe store of Powers & Hawthorth, in the new Hawthorth block, will be opened next Monday. CALL at Pope & Stevenson's grocery store and get a hot biscuit. A GRAND invitation military ball will be given at the armory on Washington's birthday anniversary, Friday, Feb. 22. BAKERS, 130 North Water street—machine iron 1 shillings, 10 cents, collar 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. dec11-ly

YESTERDAY morning train No. 43, on the Wabash, made the run of 40 miles between Decatur to Springfield in 43 minutes, making three stops. CHURCH always on hand at Geo. Blumhardt's wood yard. dec27-ly

It was 15 degrees above zero this morning at 7 o'clock. Yesterday morning at 5 o'clock the mercury was at zero. J. B. BRIDGEMAN, the undertaker, has the finest carriages and teams to let for weddings, parties, calls and funerals, to be found in the west. Elegant turnouts every one of them. Leave orders at Bulfinch's, Telephone 125. dec23-ly

F. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of land coal. dec17-ly

THERE were two applicants for examination before the Pension Board yesterday, one from Clinton and one from Warrensburg. HARD and Soft Coal at Martin's. nov12-ly

THERE has been a fairly creditable advance sale of reserved seats for the appearance of the Emma Thursby concert company at the opera house to-morrow night. It will be a rare musical treat and will call out a large audience. Tuxedoed No. 4 coffee is on sale at Peter Ulrich's grocery store. At Belmont Hon. Charles F. Tenney has contracted for a first-class creamery to be established at that point on the Wabash. He has already commenced operations by putting away ice for use next summer. STEVENSON family groceries, good weight and fair measure, at Hanks & Patterson's, 113 Water Street, Whitmer block. BAKERS, screenings, fire kindlers, oilmeal, mixed corn feed, etc., at Tuller & Parkers new feed store, near the tobacco-warehouse. ORDER your hard coal from F. D. Caldwell, P. O. Box. loc-17-ly

PETER HAWLEY will vacate the J. F. Smallwood building on Monday, when decorators will enter and fix up the establishment for Al. Morgan, who has obtained permission to open a saloon at that point. CALL at Heilborn's grocery store on Saturday, January 19th, and get a hot biscuit. 17-ly

At G. B. Present's music parlor you can find the celebrated Heines Bros' pianos, the best instruments to be had in the country. THE concert have left Rogers' Hill and gone to sliding down the steep incline at Imboden's Springs. They have been having royal sport. ALWAYS call for Sedro's celebrated Bohemian cigars. Splendid nickel smokers. THE Emma Bond benefit entertainment will be given at Taylorville this evening. Mrs. Ada Peterson will assist, and her efforts will be Decatur's contribution to the success of the commendable enterprise. MEN's heavy gray undershirts at 25 cents at the CHEAP STORE. 10-d&wlf

REV. W. L. HANCOCK is in the midst of a remarkably successful revival at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Mt. Zion. The church is filled every evening, and the interest is unabated. Many have professed religion. BRACKETS and Bed Comforts at half-price. Big 18 17-d&wlf

ANY pair of the following for \$1.00 Boys' \$1.50 boots, boys' \$2.00 boots, boys' \$2.00 shoes, men's \$1.75 fine embroidered slippers, misses' \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50 shoes, women's \$2.00 shoes, ladies' fine \$1.50 slippers, and many other attractive bargains at one dollar a pair, at L. L. Ferris & Co's. Call early. 7-ly

AN elegant assortment of gent's fine embroidered night shirts at B. Stine's. If Decatur gamblers will go to Mt. Zion to-morrow in a wagon to try and defeat the country marksmen, Ed. Alexander and Chan. Powers, of Decatur, is claimed, one way any two shooters in Muscon county at a match. Our reliable family groceries at Niedermyer's store on the mound. Goods delivered to any part of the city. A LARGE variety of Holiday goods can be found at Cheap Charlie's. 17

At the German Methodist revival last night the church was crowded until a late hour, and the exercises, which were conducted by Evangelist Schuch, were of absorbing interest. Two tongs from Kennedy, either carelessly or purposely, damaged the rigging of one of the cars on the Citizens' line last evening, and one of the pair was made to put up a dollar to repair the damage done. They made a fine about it. They ought to be thankful they were not arrested. No suppression from any scrupulous disease, who will fairly try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, need despair of a cure. It will purge the blood of all impurities, thereby destroying the germs from which scrofula is developed, and will infuse life and vigor throughout the whole physical organization.

The German "Boy Prescher," who is conducting a promising revival at Rev. Schoenig's church, is described as a "German Boy Prescher," for he is but 28 years of age, and is not only a spirited talker but is an original worker, as well as an evangelist. The church was packed with an attentive congregation last night, and an able sermon or exhortation was delivered. His style is not at all sensational but he at once impresses the hearer that he is deeply in earnest and anxious for the conversion of souls. Eleven persons arose for the prayers of the church, and several members expressed themselves as wanting more grace. Services every evening this week except Saturday night. All invited.

"Commonwealth" Officers
At the meeting of the board of directors of the "Commonwealth Mutual Fire Insurance Company," of Decatur, Ill., held Tuesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President—James W. Hawthorth.
Vice President—David S. Shellabarger.
Treasurer—K. H. Roby.
Secretary—John A. Barnes.
Executive Committee—James W. Hawthorth, P. Leach, W. H. Linn, B. Z. Taylor and A. J. Wallace.

That Missing \$50.
Parties in from Warrensburg to-day state that that \$50 which mysteriously disappeared from Mr. Major's store the other night, is supposed to be somewhere within the limits of that village. Churchill was arrested and searched in Decatur Tuesday night, but he had none of the money on his person. He returned to the burg yesterday but didn't kick up a row about the serious accusation made against him. Majors is yet without the cash, and he mourns its loss. His disappearance is a great mystery to him, and will probably remain unsolved.

A Little Comet.
Star-gazers last evening, between dusk and 8 o'clock, were favored with a view of a small comet visible to the naked eye in the southwest. The novel visitor was, in appearance, about five feet in length, and seemed to be standing on its head, or in other words, about to take a short downward. A similar comet was visible from points in Florida Tuesday night.

The Decatur creamery is now making about 1000 pounds of butter daily. Extraordinary cold weather, such as we have been experiencing of late, is bad for butter making, as there is much shrinkage in the cream, and therefore the industry is not pushed as it will be when warm weather comes. Then if cream can be secured 1000 pounds will be made daily. The creamery is a paying institution and has made money from the start.

Rev. Dr. R. M. DAVIS preached an earnest, practical sermon at Ship's Chapel last night, after which an interesting prayer and social meeting followed. The congregation is increasing from night to night and several are asking for the prayers of Christians.

Circuit Court.
The damage case of J. J. Chromer vs. The City of Decatur, is absorbing all the time in the court this week, at least no other case received attention to-day.

The members of the G. A. R. band met again last night, and spent several hours together tuning up for the Department Encampment and reunion. The players are also arranging to go to Shiloh in April.

The Egypt an brick cottage on East Eldorado street, built some years ago by Capt. Harris and occupied by J. H. Vonnegut and family, has been sold by J. J. Peddecord to Col. N. A. White, proprietor of the Central House. The consideration was \$7,500. We learn that Col. White will make this comfortable dwelling his home.

Broad! Broad!
The advertisement of Brewer, the Baker, will be found in to-day's paper, and will be of interest to everybody who likes good bread, and who doesn't. Mr. Brewer has converted the baking business into an art, in Decatur, and there is no place in the country where better bread, cakes and pies can be obtained than here. It is a satisfaction to know that Mr. Brewer's efforts have been appreciated, to the extent of commanding a large and growing patronage. His fame is spreading throughout the surrounding country, and many hundreds of loaves of his choice bread go to the neighboring towns and villages every day, while he has numerous and frequent orders for wedding and ornamental cakes from all parts of the country around us. Read his advertisement and go and see his clean and parlor-like establishment.

NEAR Blue Mound yesterday afternoon a Wabash locomotive on its way to St. Louis struck a farm wagon in which was seated Andy Dwyer, a farmer. The wagon was wrecked, a horse was killed outright and the other was so seriously injured that it cannot live. Mr. Dwyer was thrown a considerable distance but luckily escaped unhurt. He places his loss at about \$100, and will probably ask the Wabash to fork over that amount.

Several "prominent" citizens were a little shaky this morning, but when it is known that Bob Winston, the negro, was the party arrested by Marshal Mason, the trembling will cease, and faces that were clouded will brighten.

A Mart cross business man has advertised that on a certain date he will sell at public auction all accounts due him. Some of his creditors will probably be able to buy in their own paper very cheap.

Every business man should go to see Bishop in "Stately Business" at the opera house Monday night. All who have seen the play say it is simply immense.

The silver medal awarded Decatur Pulman toilet soap at the Louisville Exposition may be seen at Peter Ulrich's.

Last evening, at Maroon, Constable Hoff captured 44 head of the mules, upon order of Sheriff Foster. The sheriff has a claim in favor of the DeWitt National Bank against the parties having the mules in charge. It amounts to \$1,500. The parties were about to ship the mules to market, and the Clinton bank concluded that they had better "catch on" while it was yet time. The sheriff went to Maroon this morning.

J. W. TYLER, Jr., is generous. He will give you a pair of patent collar choppers if you buy a set of harness at his shop.

Men's, Women's and Children's Arctic Overcoats at BARNES & BAKER'S.

The other morning a coal black negro came near being a subject for Coroner Bendure, and he would have been no doubt had Charley Logan known the situation thoroughly when he went to look for him. Mr. Logan occupies the Rucker property on the corner of North Water and North street, now owned by P. Leach. In the house with Mr. Logan reside two other families. At the rear of the lot is a large barn, which is used by the occupants of the dwelling as a storage place for coal. A woman on the morning in question went out to the barn to see if some coal that had been ordered had been brought. She was badly startled when she observed a negro in the barn. He grinned at her frightfully, and spoke impulsively to her, beside condemning himself in a disgraceful manner. The woman badly frightened ran to the house as quickly as possible and sank in a faint in a chair. She told Mr. Logan that she had been insulted by a black man in the barn, but gave no particulars. Logan went to the barn at once but the negro had fled, and was last seen going rapidly westward on North street. Such loathsome powder should be shot on sight, be they white or black, and the quicker such fellows are loaded with leaden bullets the quicker will the number of outrages on weak women and girls be lessened.

Bob is Wanted.
Robert Winston, colored, is charged with having given whisky to some boys who were made drunk, and yesterday a warrant was issued by Justice Lowry for the arrest of the dandy Bob. Marshal Mason was given the paper to serve. A party named Williams was indicted by the last grand jury for the same offense, and after rummaging over the matter the prisoner concluded to stand up before Judge Wilkin and plead guilty. He did so and was heavily fined, as he richly deserved. If guilty, Bob should be given a like dose.

Springfield Gait Again.
Mr. G. M. Darfee, ex-secretary of the Mason county fair board, is in receipt of a circular letter from the secretary of the Sangamon county fair association at Springfield, setting forth a plan by which a Union Fair Association may be formed by a tier of counties in central Illinois, the annual exhibitions to be held at Springfield. It is checkedly suggested that the Mason county board meet at once and elect delegates to attend a preliminary meeting to be held at Springfield this month to arrange for the show designed specially to swell the depleted purses of the Springfield merchants, who hadn't the nerve to put up the cash or offer the necessary inducements to secure the location of the state fair at the capital. But the proposition will hardly pan out, at least it won't so far as this county is concerned. We have grounds of our own which are quite as extensive, valuable and picturesque as those at Springfield, and we'll try and get along with our own fairs, which it must be confessed are not what they should be, but we are not on that account. The prospects are that Decatur merchants will take a hand in our next county show, in which case we will have a creditable exhibition, like the one we had in 1878.

Knights of Labor.
The following were installed as officers of Eureka Assembly, No. 1773, at the meeting held last evening at the hall in Commercial block:
M. W.—L. Cleander.
W. E.—John Dismore.
W. R.—J. A. Shunkler.
R. S.—J. P. Reynolds.
W. L.—Frank Roulter.
I. E.—J. A. Roberts.
L. M.—John Gublin.
C. C.—W. L. Hall.

"Comets" events cast their shadows before." W. E. Dicksen has commenced forming patriotic decorations for Jan. 30 and 31, when thousands of old veterans will be in the city attending the G. A. R. grand state Encampment. Dicksen uses red, white and blue umbrellas, which he has hung in pretty fastidious and graceful loops at G. A. Keller's "Place," where the handwork of the decorator may be noted by all merchants who desire their establishments appropriately adorned for the great occasion. The decorative fever cannot help proving contagious, and when it gets started fairly it will pervade the whole community. Get ready to hang your banners on the outer walls, and don't forget the interiors of your stores and shops.

Assembly Dances.
Programme for the evening at the armory: GRAND PROMENADE.
1. Waltz.
2. Quadrille.
3. Newstep.
4. Old Lady.
5. New Waltz Quadrille.
6. Caledonia.
7. Schottische and Polka Mazurka.
8. New Dances.
9. Waltz.
10. Quadrille.
11. Polka and Galop.
12. Grand lastest Quadrille.
Waltz—Hunt.

Dancing commences at 9 o'clock precisely. All wishing to loan the figures of the New Laurens and new style of walking, come half an hour earlier.

New York Quotations.
Parties wishing to keep posted as to the fluctuations of the grain market in New York, can learn the quotations without cost by calling at J. T. Hand & Co's bookstore in postoffice block, where telegrams giving the market are posted three and four times a day, giving the opening and closing figures on wheat, corn and oats. The quotations come from the New York Produce Exchange (official) and are furnished western patrons free by a syndicate of New York commission merchants and brokers. Mr. Hand has nothing to do with the market, except to furnish a place to hang up the board for which he receives no return.

Local Attentions.
The Ladies of Decatur and vicinity are respectfully invited to attend the exhibition of baking to be made at various grocery stores in the city, (notice of time and place will be found elsewhere) with Prof. Horsford's Phosphatic Baking Powder. Ladies are respectfully invited to call and sample hot biscuits made without the use of lard. Remember, there is health and economy in Horsford's Baking Powder. Jan 17-3lf

10000 Cakes.
Owing to our great desire to supply every want or demand in the above named department, or preparing our liberal and extravagant mode of trying, we have accumulated a stock of this class of merchandise away beyond a reasonable demand. We have then for a limited time a clearance sale, and offer:
The Best Dutch Corset at 75 cents;
The Best 750 Corset at 50 cents;
and a very excellent 50 c Corset at 25c.
Big 18 17-d&wlf

Newspaper Curiosity.
Dr. H. J. Bumstead has placed on our table a fac simile of the Independent Chronicle and Universal Advertiser published at Boston January 1, 1784. It is a quaint and curious sheet, about the size of Manager Haines' Footlight, and as a specimen of typography is worse than the most horrible sample of work ever got out by an amateur in these latter days. The latest news it contains is the report of the British King's speech to his parliament, delivered on the 11th day of the previous November. The paper contains the advertisement of Paul Revere, who made the famous ride from Boston to Concord, just before the "embattled farmers fired the shot heard round the world." On the first page appears a card from the former editor of the Independent Chronicle &c., Mr. N. Willis, in which he informs the public that he has "resigned" the publication of the paper to Messrs. Adams & Nourse. Mr. Willis was the father of Nathaniel P. Willis, the poet, and one of his daughters afterwards became by marriage the aunt of Dr. Bumstead.

Mr. J. R. Blaine has brought a copy of the Savannah Key-Note, of date Jan. 14, 1865—just three weeks after the occupation of that city by Gen. Sherman. The little sheet is brimful of war news, and is a most interesting reminder of those stirring times.

The Divi.—Emma Thursby.
The Thursby concert treat will be given to-morrow evening, and the Guards and all their friends will be at the opera house to hear the sweet singer. Maurice Strakosch will conduct the entertainment. Said a musical Journal: "Miss Thursby is the Patti of American concert. In America, she is in order to be able to make her tour of Europe, Miss Thursby refused, from various American Baranums, sums which would secure the existence of many families. It is truly difficult to imagine a voice more exquisite, or a faculty of execution more astonishing. No one has ever understood or sung Mozart like Miss Thursby. Of all musicians, Mozart is her favorite. It is hours before to-morrow evening only in the famous variations of Proch it will be no fault of hers, for in her eyes no success is complete unless Mozart finds a place somewhere in the programme." Prices 50 and 75 cents. Reserved seats \$1.00.

PERSONAL MENTION.
N. P. Gregory, of Decatur, is in the city to-day on business.
Dr. W. J. Chenovert returned this noon from a professional trip to Illinois.
Sheriff Foster went to Maroon this morning on business.
Alex. H. Cox and family left for Cairo this noon on a visit to relatives.
James W. Hawthorth has been elected president of the "Commonwealth" Company.
John K. Warren, who has been spending a portion of the winter in Texas on business and pleasure, is home again.
Captain Engelman is one of the most daring of coasters who frequent the slick hills.
Dr. Cole left for Tuscola last night on the 11 o'clock train in company with the Sheriff of Douglas county.
Maurice Strakosch will be here in person Friday night and manage the Emma Thursby concert.
Officer Bailey was off duty part of last night on account of illness in his family. Officer Acker did double duty to fill the vacancy.
George Bell, Fred. Walters and Ed. Dillehunt and members of the invitation committee for the military ball to be given on Feb. 22.
Mrs. B. K. Darfee and her sister, Miss Mary Hamilton, of Toledo, Ohio, have been in St. Louis nearly all of the present week.
Dr. E. W. Moore will arrive home from California to-night by way of St. Louis. A letter received by Henry Prather this morning gives this intelligence.
Mrs. Charles Logan is home from Fowler, Ind., where she was called to attend her mother, who was seriously ill, but is now in an improved condition.
Dr. Washington, Jr., got \$745 for the John Brown monument fund at Monticello. The Doctor thinks Decatur ought to give \$500.
Dan Bohou got a great fall at the coasting hill. When he struck ground he must have seen a million stars. Sam Sloan and Sherry Tuttle think so.
J. S. Post has written Joe Critchfield, the Rough Diamond lecturer, to come here Feb. 10th and commence making temperance talks.
Anthony De Kuntzki, who is to appear here Friday evening with the Emma Thursby company, was at one time court pianist to the Emperor of Germany.
Coroner Bendure presented a number of reports of inquests to Clerk Hardy to-day. The coroner has been quite busy during the winter in holding inquests.
Dr. W. A. Barnes is expected to arrive home from Palatka, Florida, almost any day. His wife and daughter will remain in Florida until June. Mrs. B's health is reported improved.
James T. Snell, of Clinton, who is said to be worth \$75,000, was at Maroon this forenoon to sign a bond of \$10,000 for the release of those 44 mules taken on attachment yesterday by Sheriff Foster.
Edmund McCallahan, circuit clerk, is confined to his home by illness. He was out to court this forenoon. He is troubled with a severe cold, and will be out to-morrow.
Rev. Geo. B. Vosburgh, of the Baptist church, is confined to his home by sickness, he being threatened with pneumonia, in consequence of which the evening meetings at that church are suspended for the remainder of the week.
Elder M. S. Newcomer, pastor of the Church of God, writes us from Fairview, four miles east of Warrensburg, that a faithful revival is in progress at the church at that place. Monday night there were nine at the altar and seven have professed faith in Christ.
Thos. A. Pritchett and family, late of Ninette, are now permanent residents of Decatur, having removed to this city yesterday. We welcome the family to the city, and hope their stay among us will be long and pleasant. They occupy the McNeils' property, on North Main street.
Tom Taylor, who wrote "The Fool's Revenge" presented here by Min Monday night, was born in 1817, and died in 1880. He was educated at Glasgow and Cambridge, and was the author of over 100 plays, the more famous of which are "Still Waters Run Deep," "Overland Route," "Ticket of Leave Man," and "Fool's Revenge," the latter in his preface to the play he claims is fashioned after Victor Hugo's drama, "Le Roi S'Amuse." Tom claimed this arrangement of the plot was original, though he admits that people in his time averred that he cribbed part of the plot from Hugo's drama.

CLEARANCE SALE

—OF—

Fall and Winter Goods

LINN & SCRUGGS

Will dispose of Fall and Winter Goods from now until the 20th of February at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Farmers and Mechanics, as well as the people generally, can profit by the reduction.

Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Cloaks, Shawls, Flannels, Blankets, Winter Dress Goods, Bleached and Brown Muslins, will show a marked difference in favor of the purchaser.

New Goods are received every day, so that our stock is kept fresh and complete in all departments.

—IN—

DRY GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WALL PAPERS and WINDOW MATERIALS of every description.

LINN & SCRUGGS,

Agents for Butterick's Patterns and Old Dominion Buck Gloves.

December 29-d&wlf

GO THEY MUST!

WE HAVE ON HAND

100 BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS

They must go, and low prices will take them. No regard to cost price. We must and will get rid of our Winter Goods.

A Few Men's Overcoats Left.

SEE OUR PRICES.

You can't afford to be without one.

HEAVY UNDERWEAR

NEARLY GIVEN AWAY.

Come first and get your choice at

OUR GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE.

FLEURY, the French Cutter,

Corner of Old Square, Decatur, Ill.

Jan. 2, 1884 -d&wlf

